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NIGERIAN FEDERAL COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION
SPEAKS ON NIGERIAN CRISIS WITH SPECIAL REFER-
ENCE TO RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY.

The Nigerian Federal Commissioner for Information and Labour, Chief Anthony Enahoro, told press last Saturday 5th July, 1969, that the Federal Military Government is prepared to allow neutral team to join its relief aircraft inspection team in Lagos in order to accommodate those who peddle supposed rebels fear that relief supplies through Nigeria would be poisoned. Chief Enahoro emphasised that the Federal Government remained opposed to night relief flights to rebel held area adding that National Rehabilitation Commission had invited the ICRC to discuss new policy on relief supplies. ICRC representative in Nigeria had agreed to attend such meeting while Nigerian Ambassador Sule Kolo in Switzerland had extended the invitation to the ICRC in Geneva. Chief Enahoro said that the Federal Military Government would not be intimidated by threats from various quarters to violate Nigeria's airspace or to assail the integrity of Nigeria. If an air war was begun over Nigerian skies, the Federal Military Government and people of Nigeria would be forced to adopt attitudes and positions which they had so far not contemplated and consequences of such an air war would extend beyond borders of Africa. Chief Enahoro accused certain

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characters who had had no impact on British political life of trying to make a name for themselves by meddling in Nigerian affairs adding that he had not been aware in the past week of any relief body bringing pressure on Ojukwu to accept daylight flights although they preferred to defy Government of Nigeria. Regarding progress of the war, Chief Enahoro said the Third Division of Federal Forces had consolidated its forward positions in the Aba Sector by clearing the villages of Ogwashi, Abayi, Umudike, and Oluenyi. An attempt by rebel troops to cross river between Itu and Ikot Okporo was repulsed by Federal Troops.

Embassy of Nigeria,

Washington, D.C.

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1. REFTEL REQUESTED MORE INFO ON STATEMENT AND CHARGES OF TANZANIAN INVOLVEMENT IN PROCUREMENT OF SWEDISH PLANES WHICH VON ROSEN USED IN MAY TO ESTABLISH BIAFRAN AIR FORCE. PRESS REPORTS IN LAGOS INDICATED EUROPEAN SOURCE FOR CHANGE. PERHAPS POST FROM WHICH CHARGE ORIGINATED CAN PROVIDE DAR ES SALAAM WITH FURTHER INFORMATION.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 2395

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STATE FOR U/CF:

SUBJECT: NIGERIA-UNICEF

REFERENCE USUN 2319; GENEVA 2367.

1. LABOUISSSE, UNICEF, PHONED TODAY TO TELL US THAT HE HAD MADE FURTHER INQUIRIES RE APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING REFLECTED IN REF 1 RE POSSIBLE UNICEF ROLE IF ICRC WITHDRAWS FROM NIGERIA. LABOUISSSE JUST RECEIVED REPLY TO HIS CABLE FROM UN ASS'T SEC GEN RHOADES BENNET WHICH WAS SHOWN TO US BY HIS SPECIAL ASS'T. PERTINENT PART READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: AS FAR AS WE KNOW THERE WAS NOTHING IN SYG MEETING WITH BUFFUM (SIC) 5 JULY THAT WENT BEYOND WHAT SYG HAD DISCUSSED WITH YOU ON 3 JULY. THERE WAS PERHAPS GENERAL COMMENT BY SYG UNICEF WOULD BE READY TO DO EVERYTHING IT COULD TO ENSURE DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES IN CASE ICRC UNABLE CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN NIGERIA. UNQUOTE.

2. LABOUISSSE HAS CABLED INSTRUCTIONS TO UNICEF/NY AND LAGOS IN ACCORDANCE HIS DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR TUBBY REF 2, PARA 2. HIS CABLE MAKES THREE POINTS: A) REGARDLESS OUTCOME ICRC/NAVILLE DISCUSSIONS HE HOPES FMG WILL AGREE TO CONTINUE PRESENT OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR EXISTING STOCKS. B) IF A IMPOSSIBLE, UNICEF DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH WITHDRAW SUPPLIES BUT WILL FOLLOW WHAT EVER PROCEDURE IS AGREED TO BY ICRC SUBJECT TO WORKING

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OUT DETAILS WITH FMG ASSURING THAT SUPPLIES REACH THOSE FOR WHOM INTENDED. C) INSTRUCTS UNICEF/LAGOS ASSIST NAVILLE IN EVERY MANNER POSSIBLE.

3. LABOUISSSE WANTS TO MAKE SURE ALL CONCERNED ESPECIALLY AMBS. FERGUSON AND MATHÉWS ARE AWARE OF UNICEF'S POSITION. HE IS MOST ANXIOUS AVOID ANY ATTEMPT BY FMG PLAY OFF ICRC AGAINST UNICEF.

4. LABOUISSSE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS ABOVE BE HELD CLOSELY AS HE SEES NO REPEAT NO POINT IN PURSUING QUESTION OF EARLIER MISUNDERSTANDING I.E. UNICEF POSITION ANY FURTHER. TUBBY

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GENEVA'S 2395

1. WE FULLY AGREE WITH LABOUISSSE'S COMMENT THAT THERE IS NO POINT IN PURSUING QUESTION DISCREPANCY BETWEEN SYG'S REMARKS RE UNICEF ROLE IN NIGERIA AND LABOUISSSE'S OWN UNDERSTANDING.

2. WE ALSO NOTE CONSIDERABLE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN WHAT SYG TOLD US HE HAD WRITTEN TO HAILE SELASSIE AND ACTUAL TEXT PROVIDED BY LABOUISSSE.

3. FOR RECORD, IT IS NEVERTHELESS INTERESTING TO SPECULATE ON REASON FOR THESE DISCREPANCIES. (INCIDENTALLY, NEITHER ROLZ-BENNETT NOR ANY OTHER UN OFFICIAL WAS PRESENT AT CONVERSATION WHICH TOOK PLACE AT U THANT'S HOME). WHILE THANT DESCRIBED LETTER TO EMPEROR PRECISELY IN TERMS REPORTED IN USUN TEL 2319, HE SAID HE HAD NOT YET SIGNED IT BUT WOULD DO SO ON HIS RETURN TO HIS OFFICE. IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL AS CONSERVATIVE AS ROLZ-BENNETT MAY HAVE URGED HIM TO CUT BACK ON AN EARLIER DRAFT AND SEND SOMETHING LESS SUBSTANTIVE LEST UN BE CAUGHT UP IN SAME MEAT GRINDER AS ICRC.

4. IT IS ALSO CONCEIVABLE, BUT MUCH LESS LIKELY, THAT SYG WAS SOMEWHAT MORE EXPANSIVE WITH US ABOUT POTENTIAL UNICEF ROLE THAN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH LABOUISSSE WARRANTED BECAUSE HE FELT UNDER PRESSURE FROM US TO

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TAKE CONSIDERABLY MORE ENERGETIC LEAD ON NIGERIAN ISSUE. HOWEVER, THAT IS NOT LIKE HIM, SINCE HE SELDOM HESITATES TO INDICATE LIMITATIONS OF UN CAPABILITIES WHERE HE BELIEVES THEY EXIST.

5. IT IS MUCH MORE LIKELY THAT IN DISCUSSING PROBLEM WITH US AT HOME, AND WITHOUT BENEFIT OF NOTES, HE UNINTENTIONALLY MISINTERPRETED SOME COMMENT LABOUISSIE HAD MADE TO HIM ABOUT UNICEF'S POTENTIAL ABILITY TO PICK UP COORDINATING ROLE FROM ICRC IF LATTER COMPLETELY EXCLUDED. WE WERE NOT ONLY PLEASED BUT FRANKLY SURPRISED TO HEAR THANT SPEAKING IN TERMS OF SUCH EXTENSIVE UN INVOLVEMENT, GIVEN HIS PAST CAUTION ON THIS SUBJECT.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 2394

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FOR AMB FERGUSON:

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

REF: USUN 2319:

1. ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, LABOUISSSE/UNICEF MADE AVAILABLE TO US TODAY COPY OF LETTER FROM SYG TO EMPEROR (NON-ESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED):

QTE: 5 JULY 1969. YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY, THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE RECENTLY ARISEN BETWEEN ICRC AND FMG HAVE RESULTED IN STOPPING OF RELIEF FLIGHTS TO WAR-AFFECTED AREAS IN NIGERIA. THIS REGRETTABLE DEVELOPMENT RAISES AGAIN SPECTRE OF STARVATION FOR UNTOLD INNOCENT VICTIMS OF TRAGIC CONFLICT, AND THREATENS WIPE OUT PROGRESS WHICH HAD BEEN ACHIEVED BY RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS IN ROLLING BACK RAVAGES OF MALNUTRITION AND DISEASE.

MY REPRESENTATIVE INNIGERIA, BRIGADIER SAID-UDDIN KHAN, IS FOLLOWING SITUATION CLOSELY AND WILL DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER, FROM PURELY HUMANITARIAN POINT OF VIEW, TO FACILITATE AN AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUATION OF RELIEF FLIGHTS. I THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT I SHOULD CONSULT WITH YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY AS CHAIRMAN OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF OAU ON NIGERIA, AND TO SEEK YOUR WISE GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT COULD BE DONE TO SURMOUNT PRESENT CRISES. I SHOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL TO HEAR FROM YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY ON

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THIS MATTER. ACCEPT, YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY, ETC., ETC., U THAT
UNQTE.

2. LABOUSSE POINTED OUT THAT LETTER DOES NOT RPT NOT MAKE ANY
MENTION OF UNICEF.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 2387

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FOR AMB FERGUSON

1. PRIOR DEPARTURE NAVILLE ASKED BASSET CALL US RE TWO POINTS:
A) STATUS YOUR NEGOTIATIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH BIAFRANS. B) WHETHER
YOUR "PERSONAL AND SECRET MESSAGE" TO HIM OF TUESDAY JUNE 8 IS
STILL VALID AND HE CAN COUNT ON IT". REPLY CAN CONSIST OF SIMPLE
"YES" OR "NO" ANSWER. SINCE WE WERE UNABLE COMMENT, NAVILLE WOULD
APPRECIATE YOU CABLING HIM C/O USEMBASSY LAGOS. IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL IF REPLY RE POINT ONE COULD BE REPEATED GENEVA.

2. SINCE WASHINGTON CIRCUIT OUT OF ORDER LAST NIGHT WE COULD NOT
REACH YOU BY PHONE.

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STATE FOR U/CF

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF RAILROAD WORKERS

REF GENEVA 2391

1. WHILE IT UNCLEAR FROM CONTEXT REFTEL WHETHER IT SWISS OR NIGERIAN PRO COMMUNIST RAILROAD WORKERS UNION WHICH REPORTEDLY ADOPTED ANTI RELIEF STANCE WE AWARE NO SUCH APPEAL FROM ANY OF SEVERAL NIGERIAN RAILROAD UNIONS NONE OF WHICH ARE KNOWN TO BE NTUC AFFILIATED (PRO COMMUNIST). SINCE TRADE UNION ITEMS EASILY PLACED LOCAL PRESS WE CURIOUS AS TO ORIGIN ITEM SINCE NOT CARRIED HERE.

2. RAILROAD NOT UNABLE TO TRANSPORT RELIEF SUPPLIES TO BIAFRA SINCE LINES NORTH FROM PORT HARCOURT OR SOUTH THROUGH ENUGU HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY WAR. NIGERIAN RAILWAY HAS ABOUT 22,000 EMPLOYEES BY NO MEANS ALL OF WHOM ARE UNION MEMBERS.
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SUBJ: NIGERIA RELIEF AND REHABILITATION: STOCKFISH

REF: A) STATE 112296, B) REYKJAVIK 264, C) REYKJAVIKI 337

1. GOI PERM UNDERSEC MINCOM HAS QUERIED EMBASSY AS TO WHEN
LETTER OF COMMITMENT (LC) FOR \$3 MILLION PURCHASE OF STOCKFISH
WILL BE ISSUED SINCE GOI ARRANGING \$1 MILLION COMMITMENT FOR
OCEAN TRANSPORTATION. FURTHERMORE, HE STATES ICELANDIC AMB-
ASSADOR WASHINGTON PHONED HIM TO REPORT HE UNDERSTANDS LC BEING
DEFERRED AND HE UNABLE SECURE ANY PRECISE INFO. UNDERSEC MINCOM
EXPRESSED CONCERN AS TO WHETHER AGREED PROCEDURES MIGHT HAVE
BECOME UNSTUCK.

2. ON BASIS REF A EMB ASSURED UNDERSEC MINCOM THAT DELAY DOES
NOT INVOLVE REVOCATION. RATHER, OUR INFO INDICATES SHIPPING
SCHEDULES YET HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN AID/W AND ICRC TO
PREVENT EXCESSIVE STOCKPILING AND DETERIORATION NIGERIA IN VIEW
UNCERTAIN SITUATION, AND THIS MAY BE DELAYING ISSUANCE LC. HE
STATED GOI PREPARED SHIP ONLY THOSE QUANTITIES REQUESTED BY ICRC.

3. IN VIEW LONG HISTORY ICELANDIC STOCKFISH PROBLEM, PRIME
MINISTER'S STRONG PERSONAL FEELING ON THIS ISSUE AND JUNE 13

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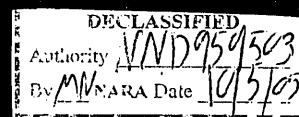
CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA WITH GOI REPS SIGNIFYING US GOOD FAITH IN THIS ISSUE, I URGENTLY REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S REITERATION OF USG INTENTION PROCEED WITH LETTER OF COMMITMENT/LETTER OF CREDIT ISSUANCE WHICH WE CAN INFORM GOI.

4. PERM UNDERSEC HAS ALSO ASKED EMB GUIDANCE ON EVENTUAL STATEMENT TO BE MADE TO LOCAL PRESS (WHEN LC ISSUED) WHICH HAS GOTTEN WIND OF ARRANGEMENT AND IS PRESSING GOI FOR INFO. SPECIFICALLY HE WISHES KNOW HOW HANDLE US \$3 MILLION CONTRIBUTION IN ORDER GIVE USG DUE LOCAL CREDIT WITHOUT CREATING PROBLEMS FOR USG ELSEWHERE.

5. DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON HOW US \$3 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO BE HANDLED IN PRESS RELEASE ALSO URGENTLY REQUESTED.
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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF--JCA

U/CF FROM GUTMAN

RECEIVED FROM CHENARD COPY OF "AIDE MEMOIRE" ADDRESSED BY JCA
TO NAVILLE DATED JUNE 8.

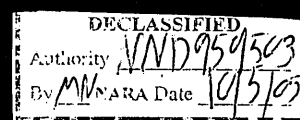
QTE: IN PRESENTING THIS AIDE MEMOIRE IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST
OF YESTERDAY, JULY 8, JCA STRESSES THAT IT HAS NEITHER A MANDATE
FROM THE BIAFRAN AUTHORITIES TO REPRESENT THEM NOR DOES IT
PURPORT TO BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THE PRECISE POSITION OF THE BIAFRAN
AUTHORITIES IN REGARD TO DAYLIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS. HOWEVER, ON
THE BASIS OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BIAFRAN AUTHORITIES, AND
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE IN BIAFRA IT BELIEVES
THAT THE FOLLOWING TWO POINTS ARE BASIC TO AN ACCEPTABLE AGREE-
MENT ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS.

(1) INTERNATIONAL INSPECTIONS AT POINTS OF DEPARTURE OUTSIDE
FEDERAL NIGERIAN, BUT NO DEPARTURE FROM OR INSPECTION WITHIN
FEDERAL TERRITORY.

(2) SOME ADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES TO INSURE THAT
DAYLIGHT FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARE NOT ABUSED FOR ANY MILITARY
PURPOSES.

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MEMBER AGENCIES OF JCA TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF AGAIN EXPRESSING
THEIR CONCERN FOR THE RELIEF OF THE CIVILIAN VICTIMS OF THE WAR
ON THE FEDERAL SIDE, AND PLEDGE THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM IN FEDERAL NIGERIA. UNQTE.
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STATE FOR U/CF FROM GUTMAN

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF - JCA MEETING

REF: GENEVA 2388

1. MET WITH JCA/CHENARD AND KINNEY. THEY HAD LITTLE NEW INFO;
POSSIBLE POINTS OF INTEREST FOLLOWS:

A) KINNEY EXPRESSED BELIEF NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERS MANAGED CALM
DOWN "SCANDINAVIAN HOTHEADS" FOR TIME BEING.

B) KINNEY AND CHENARD THINK THEY CONVINCED SCANDINAVIANS THAT
COOPERATION WITH ICRC ESSENTIAL. SCANDINAVIANS HAD WANTED
"WRITE OFF ICRC" WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY DISREGARDED JCA. HOWEVER,
ESPECIALLY IN VIEW RECENT DEVELOPMENTS "COOPERATION" WOULD NOT
REPEAT NOT TAKE FORM OF DISAPPEARANCE OF JCA AND MERGER OF ITS
OPERATIONS INTO ICRC (HOPE ALLEGEDLY REFLECTED IN EARLY FERGUSON
TESTIMONY). COOPERATION WOULD EXPRESS ITSELF IN PARALLEL BUT
SEPARATE ACTIONS.

C) KINNEY/CHENARD QUESTION TIME INTEREST OF FMG IN SEEING RELIEF
GET TO BIAFRA AND RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDE THAT "OJUKWU'S INTEREST"
ALSO IS LESS THAN WE WOULD LIKE SEE."

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D) FLIGHTS FROM FMG TERRITORY ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO BIAFRANS. THEY MUST TAKE FORM DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS FROM BASES OUTSIDE NIGERIA, I.E., EXISTING ONES (WITH SAO TOME FLIGHTS CONCEIVABLY BEING ROUTED VIA SANTA ISABEL). INSPECTION BY NEUTRALS AND/OR FMG OUTSIDE NIGERIA SHOULD BE NEGOTIABLE WITH BIAFRA.

E) BIAFRA AND MAYBE NIGERIA ALSO REQUIRE GUARANTEES BY THIRD POWER(S) OTHER THAN ICRC. MCA HOPES USG WILL EITHER FURNISH GUARANTEE OR PREVAIL ON OTHER NATION(S) DO SO. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, KINNEY/CHENARD ALWAYS COME BACK TO SCHEME OF NEUTRAL OBSERVERS RIDING PLANES AND BEING ON GROUND AT ULI FIELD DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. COMMENT: IT BECAME QUITE CLEAR THAT JCA HAS NO REPEAT NO INFO HOW BIAFRA DEFINES TERM "GUARANTEE". HOWEVER, THEY BELIEVE IT PROBABLY INVOLVES SOME SORT INTERVENTION FORCE WHICH WOULD MAKE THEIR OBSERVER PROPOSAL UNREALISTIC.

F) KINNEY EXPECTS TESTIFY JULY 15 BEFORE KENNEDY COMMITTEE. HE WILL MAINLY URGE THAT "SOME THIRD POWER TAKE HOLD OF PROBLEM AND GET BALL ROLLING".

2. IN RESPONSE QUESTION WHAT USG HAS BEEN DOING SINCE SECY'S STATEMENT AND INTENDS TO DO, HAD TO CONFESS LACK SPECIFIC UP-TO-DATE INFO BUT COULD POINT TO EMBASSY LAGOS EFFORTS, AND GUESS RE BASIC POLICY REVIEW INVOLVING VARIOUS BUREAUS AND ECHELONS, EXAMINATION OF DIFFERENT POSSIBILITIES AND PERMUTATIONS, CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS, ETC. KINNEY COMMENTED "THIS ABOUT SAME LEVEL INSIGHTS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE GET IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK."

COMMENT: THERE ARE EVIDENT FISSURES IN JCA FABRIC. IN CONTEXT VARIOUS REMARKS GAINED DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT SCANDINAVIAN EXTREMISTS HAVE SET DEADLINE (EITHER OUTCOME NAVILLE'S TALKS OR MAYBE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS) AFTER WHICH THEY WILL CONSIDER THEMSELVES FREE RESUME NIGHT FLIGHTS FULL BLAST. TUBBY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 2404

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

1. BASSET/ICRC MET THIS P.M. WITH AMBASSADOR AND GUTMAN AT REQUEST NAVILLE. BASSET POINTED OUT THAT IN OPINION IERC, BIAFRAN SIDE, WILL NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPT PLANE LANDING/INSPECTION ON FMG TERRITORY. THUS, ASIDE FROM NIGHT FLIGHTS, ONLY IMMEDIATE ALTERNATIVE IS DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS FROM COTONOU/SANTA ISABEL. INSPECTION OF BASES, PLANES, WAREHOUSES, ETC. BY FMG OR MIXED TEAMS WOULD BE FULLY ACCEPTABLE TO ICRC AND JCA (WHICH IS WILLING LAND SANTA ISABEL TO AVOID PORTUGUESE ISSUE). PROPOSAL WOULD ENTAIL MINIMUM CONCESSION ON PART BIAFRA.

2. NAVEILLE HAS INSTRUCTED BASSET TO START STAFF WORK SOUND OUT DAHOMEYAN AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA GOVERNMENTS RE ACCEPTABILITY FMG AND NEUTRAL INSPECTORS. ZIMMERMAN WAS RETURNING TO COTONOU THIS PURPOSE.

3. WE SUGGESTED ICRC COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH JCA WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY HAS MEANS GETTING TO CATHOLIC ELITE IN BOTH GOVERNMENTS. ALSO RECOMMENDED STRONGLY ICRC AND/OR JCA OBTAIN FRENCH

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SUPPORT FOR COTONOU SOUNDINGS IN PARIS AND COTONOU.

4. WITH RESPECT GETTING BIAFRA IN LINE, SUGGESTED THAT ARMS SUPPLIERS, I.E. FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE SHOULD BE IN BEST POSITION BRING BEAR SOME PRESSURE TO PERMIT HUMANITARIAN EFFORT GO FORWARD, OF COURSE, ON ASSUMPTION NAVILLE'S INITIATIVE GETS SOME MEASURE OF RESPONSE IN LAGOS.

5. BSSET DID NOT RAISE PROBLEM OF THIRD PARTY GUARANTEES WHICH BIAFRA HAS RAISED AND WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE RAISE. WE SAW NO REASON BRING UP THIS UNRESOLVED ISSUE WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY UNDER REVIEW IN WASHINGTON. TUBBY

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

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WORLD COUNCIL CHURCHES MEMBERS: CANON BURGESS CARR (LIBERIAN
NATIONAL - CHIEF AFRICAN DESK) AND A MR. NIELHUS (PHONETIC -
PROBABLY DUTCH OR SCANDINAVIAN) LEFT SAME PLANE AS NAVILLE
PARTY. THEY EXPECT PARTICIPATE OR ENGAGE PARALLEL NEGOTIATIONS
IN LAGOS. TUBBY

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

SWISS EVENING NEWSPAPERS JULY 8 REPORTS THAT 750,000
MEMBER, PRO-COMMUNIST (RR WORKERS?) UNION HAS CALLED ON MEMBERS
RESIST USE OF RR FOR TRANSPORTING RELIEF SUPPLIES TO BIAFRA
REITERATING THAT STARVATION LEGITIMATE WEAPON.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 2393

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1. AFTER SEVERAL SWITCHES NAVILLE AND PARTY LEFT GENEVA 1345 ON SWISSAIR FLIGHT FOR MONROVIA. THEY WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW A.M. (JULY 10) BY ICRC FLIGHT ETA LAGOS 1030.

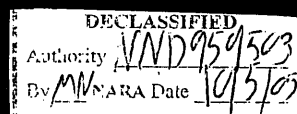
2. IN BRIEF AIRPORT CONVERSATION NAVILLE TOLD GUTMAN HE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT OPTIMISTIC RE RESULTS UPCOMING LAGOS TALKS. HE THOUGHT MOST COULD BE HOPED FOR WAS LAYING GROUNDWORK OF FURTHER TALKS AT OPERATIONAL LEVEL.

3. NAVILLE ASKED WHAT NEW STEPS, IF ANY, USG WAS TAKING RE RESUMPTION NIGHT FLIGHTS. INFORMED NAVILLE THAT WEI THOUGHT AMB. FERGUSON WOULD CABLE HIM LATEST INFO STATUS US EFFORTS C/O EMBASSY/LAGOS (SEE GENEVA 2387 NOTAL).

4. IN EARLIER CONVERSATION TODAY, FREY INDICATED ICRC IS FIRMLY RESOLVED CONTINUE BIAFRA RELIEF EFFORT FROM COTONOU BASE REGARDLESS OF OUT COME OF DISCUSSIONS RE ICRC OPERATIONS IN FMG TERRITORY. NOTE: ICRC OFFICIALS SOMETIMES OVERLOOK INTERDEPENDENT ASPECTS OF FMG-BIAFRA RELIEF ISSUES.

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5. ACCORDING SWISS PRESS, FMG AMBASSADOR SULE KOLO LEFT LAST NIGHT FOR LAGOS TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS WITH ICRC/NAVILLE.

6. AT LAST MINUTE TWO FURTHER MEMBERS WERE ADDED TO DELEGATION RESULTING FOLLOWING FINAL LINEUP WITH TITLES APPARENTLY INTENDED IMPRESS FMG. MARCEL NAVILLE; ENRICO BIGNAM (SPECIAL COUNSELLOR TO ICRC PRESIDENCY ON NIGERIAN AFFAIRS-WE HAVE NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXISTENCE OF POSITION AND ITS INCUMBENT); GEORGES HOFFMANN, (GENERAL DELEGATE FOR AFRICA); DR. MAURICE RUBLI (DELEGATE FOR MEDICAL PROBLEMS); HANS EGLI (FORMER CHIEF OF ICRC DELEGATION IN LAGOS); BERNHARD FREY (DEPUTY CHIEF FOR RELIEF OPERATIONS). TUBBY

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THE FOLLOWING IS A JCA COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JULY 8. UNNECESSARY
WORDS OMITTED. QUOTE: A JOINT APPEAL HAS JUST BEEN LAUNCHED BY
CARDINAL DOEPFNER, ARCHBISHOP OF MUNICH, AND LANDESBISCHER
DIETZLEBINGER, CHAIRMAN OF THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES OF GERMANY,
BY FEDERAL GERMAN TELEVISION ON SUBJECT OF STARVATION IN BIAFRA.
PICKED UP BY RADIO STATIONS ALL OVER THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, THE APPEAL SAYS, A NEW PERIOD OF MASS
STARVATION WILL COME ABOUT IN BIAFRA. HARSHER MILITARY MEASURES
ARE LEADING TO ALMOST TOTAL BREAKDOWN OF AIRLIFTS BRINGING FOOD
SUPPLIES TO STARVING CIVILIAN POPULATION. OCCASIONALLY A MERCY
FLIGHOM

ABLE TO BREAK THRU THE HUNGER BLOCKADE. THIS MEANS 4.5
MILLION PEOPLE DEPENDING ON SUPPLIES FROM ABROAD WILL DIE IN A
VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. IT IS A MOMENT WHEN WORDS NO LONGER
SUFFICE TO DESCRIBE THE RESPONSIBILITY INCUMBENT UPON ALL STATES-
MEN, ALL GERMANS AND ALL MANKIND. EXISTENCE OF A WHOLE PEOPLE
MUST NOT BE SACRIFICED TO ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTERESTS.

ONCE AGAIN THE GERMAN PRELATES CALL ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
LEADERS TO USE EVERY MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO PUT A FINAL STOP

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TO WAR AND STARVATION IN NIGERIA/BIAFRA. THIS LIES WITHIN THEIR POWER. THREE AIMS HAVE TO BE ACHIEVED: A) AN END TO SUPPLIES OF WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS; B) FREE ACCESS FOR RELIEF SUPPLIES TO STARVING REGIONS ON BOTH SIDES FRONT WITH NECESSARY INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES TO THIS EFFECT, AND C) IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE AND UN-DELAYED PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE CONFLICTING PARTIES ON NEUTRAL TERRITORY.

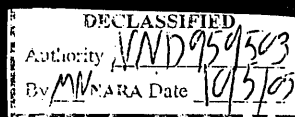
GERMAN CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT LEADERS ONCE AGAIN REQUEST ALL CHURCHES IN WORLD TO CALL ON THEIR PARISHES FOR PRAYER SERVICES TO THESE ENDS. NO POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC INTEREST CAN TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE LIVES OF MILLIONS INNOCENT PEOPLE.

ASSUMING ALL STATESMEN OF WORLD WILL ACT NOW, THE GERMAN PRELATES APPEALED TO GOWAN AND OJUKWU TO SERIOUSLY EXAMINE EVERY PROPOSAL FOR PEACE. IT IS UP TO THEM. THE APPEAL INSISTS, TO GIVE PROOF OF THEIR OFT-STATED READINESS TO SOLVE CONFLICT BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND TO MEET FOR TALKS DESIGNED TO PUT AN END TO TERRIBLE MISERY THEIR PEOPLES ESPECIALLY TO THE DESPERATE PLIGHT OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN WAR AREAS.

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SUBJECT: NIGERIA - STOCKFISH

REF: 1) GENEVA 2269; 2) STATE 109600; 3) STATE 112296

1. ON RECEIPT REF 2 TOOK MATTER UP WITH AMMANN. HE WAS UNABLE
CONTACT KUTTNER AND FREY WHO OUT OF TOWN. THIS WEEK AMMANN LEFT
TOWN UNEXPECTEDLY.

2. IN ABSENCE AMMANN, FREY TODAY AGREED THAT A) NO REPEAT NO
NEW COMMITMENTS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN UNTIL HE AND AMMANN CAN
JOINTLY REVIEW SITUATION IN LIGHT RESULTS NAVILLE'S TALKS; B)
STOCKFISH CONTRACTED BUT NOT YET SHIPPED SHOULD BE HELD ICELAND
PENDING DEVELOPMENTS NEXT FEW DAYS IN LAGOS. NOTE: ICRC STOCK-
FISH DIVISION HAD ALREADY CLOSED WHEN "IMMEDIATE" (REF 3)
RECEIVED LAST NIGHT AT 2140. TUBBY

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SUBJ: PUBLIC COMMENTARY ON NIGERIA/BIAFRA

1. FRENCH MEDIA HAVE REACTED NEGATIVELY TO ICRC DECISION CANCEL NIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS TO BIAFRA UNDER FMG PRESSURE, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NOT PUBLISHED STATEMENTS REPORTEDLY MADE BY MOJEKWU IN PARIS (GENEVA 2356 AND 2363). MOST INTERESTING COMMENTARY ON THIS SUBJECT WAS MADE JULY 8 IN GAULLIST DAILY - LA NATION - AND OVER ORTF BY GAULLIST DEPUTY AND FORMER AMBASSADOR JACQUES MARETTE.

2. MARETTE SAID HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM HIS SECOND TRIP TO BIAFRA AND THAT PILOTS OF FRENCH RED CROSS AIRCRAFT ON WHICH HE FLEW FLYING NO MORE DANGEROUS NOW THAN WHEN HE WAS LAST THERE IN FEBRUARY. HE DAIMED THAT ICRC MERELY LOOKING FOR PRETEXT TO STOP FLYING RELIEF TO BIAFRA BECAUSE PRESSURES OF FMG TOO GREAT. HE NOTED THAT FRENCH RED CROSS HAD NEVER STOPPED FLYING (253 ROUND-TRIPS SINCE OCTOBER 1968) AND THAT JCR HAS RESUMED FLYING TO BIAFRA. MARETTE WENT ON TO ECHO, FOR FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL MONTHS, STANDARD FRENCH LINE OF SUPERIORITY OF IBOS OVER OTHER NIGERIANS AND ALMOST ALL OTHER AFRICANS (" THEY ARE MORE COMPARABLE TO ISRAELIS") AS WELL AS DESPERATE SITUATION THEY ARE IN DUE TO HALT IN ICRC FLIGHTS.

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3. LOCAL PRESS ALSO REPORTS LOCAL BIAFRAN REP CHIJOKE DIKE AS SAYING JULY 7 THAT "BIAFRAN GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH SECRET PLOT WORKED OUT IN LONDON OVER WEEKEND BETWEEN BRITISH AND NIGERIAN GOVERNMENTS TO ASPHYXIATE BIAFRA BY DELIBERATE POLITICAL INACTION... PLOT WHICH OFFERS NIGERIAN AIRFIELD AS TRANSIT BASE FOR DAY RELIEF FLIGHTS TO BIAFRA IS IN REALITY SUPPOSED TO ALLOW NIGERIA TO DECIDE WHEN AND HOW MILLIONS OF BIAFRAN MOTHERS, CHILDREN AND OLD PEOPLE WILL DIE OF HUNGER."

4. FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN HUMANITE AND "NEW LEFT" DAILY COMBAT EACH RECENTLY COMPLETED SERIES ARTICLES ON NIGERIA/BIAFRA (BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT, ATTN AFW), WHICH ARE MORE CRITICAL OF BIAFRA AND FRENCH SUPPORT THEREFORE. SHRIVE

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SUBJAKT: NIGERIAN RELIEF: ROBARDS HELICOPTER OPERATION

REF: LAGOS 5921

1. ROBARDS RETURNED TO US JULY 3 HAVING SECURED HIS RELEASE BY SIGNING AGREEMENT WITH MINISTRY OF DEFENCE WHICH PLACES HIS NIGERIAN ASSETS (S-55, S-58, FH-1100 AND SPARE PARTS) IN MOD CUSTODY. IN VIEW DEPARTURE HIS MECHANIC, ROBARDS WAS UNABLE REPAIR TWO NAF HELICOPTERS WHICH HE HAD UTILIZED AND CANNIBALIZED UNDER EARLIER VAGUE DEAL WITH NAF. ROBARDS CONSEQUENTLY DIRECTED PAY MOD EQUIVALENT \$14,000 AS RENTAL CHARGE ON TWO NAF MACHINES AND ALLOWED LEAVE COUNTRY IN ORDER SECURE FUNDS. ROBARDS PROPERTY IN CALABAR PUT UNDER ARMED GUARD AND IS TO BE RELEASED ONLY AFTER PAYMENT \$14,000 CHARGE.

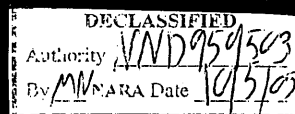
2. ROBARDS EMPLOYEE, MARINKOVICH, REMAINING IN LAGOS BUT HAS RECOVERED PASSPORT. PLANS TRAVEL CALABAR THIS WEEK.

3. COMMENT: IT LIKELY ROBARDS STILL HOPES OBTAIN HELICOPTER CONTRACT WITH SOUTH-EASTERN STATE REHABILITATION COMMISSION SHOE COMMISSIONER (OGON) CONTINUES PROMOTE ROBARDS AS "GENUINE HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION" AS

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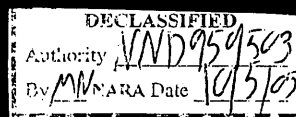
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OPPOSED TO "DUBIOUS" ICRC PROGRAM. FEATURE STORIES AND EDITORIALS HAVE BEEN INSERTED IN LOCAL PRESS EXTOLLING VIRTUES HELICOPTER OPERATION AND CONDEMNING COLD-HEARTED ACTION UNICEF IN WITHDRAWING CONTRACT LEAVING PEOPLE TO FACE "THE AGONY OF SLOW DEATH."

4. WE ALSO NOTE THAT SOUTH-EASTERN STATE GOVERNOR ESUENE'S STATEMENT IN RESPONSE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST CROSS RIVER RELIEF ROUTE (LAGOS 6189) BEARS OGO'S FINE HAND IN ITS CONDEMNATION ICRC FOR WITHDRAWING "GOD-SENT AND INDISPENSABLE" HELICOPTERS (WHICH AT TIMES MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM) BECAUSE "SO-CALLED RELIEF BODIES" ONLY INTERESTED IN FEEDING REBELS. PRESS PACKET INCLUDING PHOTOS OF CALABAR DEMONSTRATION DISTRIBUTED BY LAGOS OFFICE S-E STATE JUST AFTER OGO'S ARRIVAL LAGOS FOR MEETING WITH OMO-BARE AND STATE REHAB COMMISSIONERS. S-E STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER (CHIEF EDET) CURRENTLY IN UK ON BRITISH TRAVEL GRANTE. EXEMPT
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Amb. Ferguson will be in Rome July 17-18. Please
contact M. Bayer Vatican to ascertain whether postponed
meeting Ferguson - Pope can be scheduled for either day.

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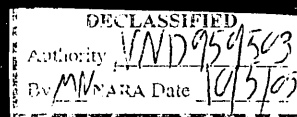
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DATE: July 9, 1969

TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy LIBREVILLE

SUBJECT: "ABC" Program in Biafra

REF : Libreville 709

Enclosed is a document outlining the "Aid to Biafran Children" (ABC) program in Biafra. This paper was given to us by Dr. Omar Fareed during his stop in Libreville July 8. According to Fareed, the ABC program was worked out in Biafra the week before in close consultation with representatives of Church World Service, World Council of Churches, Joint Church Aid, Caritas, French Red Cross and others.

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(Revised proposal responsive to that submitted to Herrenal Cousins by the
Nigerian Government at Washington December 13, 1968)

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6. Medical Objectives:

We will perform the following functions in cooperation with the
University of Ife Teaching Hospital (UTH) Staff, the Ministry of
Health, and all available medical personnel:

A. Provide complementary/supplementary medical and health services with emphasis on rural patients.

1. ~~Cooperate with Church World Service (CWS), the World Council of~~
~~Churches (WCC), United Church Aid (UCA), Christian Aid~~
~~Committee, and other existing agencies to coordinate~~
~~requests for and donations of medical supplies, equipment and~~
~~services. Avoid duplication by prompt communication as well~~
~~as proper record system and statistics.~~

2. Provide the following laboratory examinations for thousands
of unaccounted patients:

a. Blood Tests:

1) Hemoglobin for anemia (photometer provided by ABC
and Red Cross).

2) Electrophoretic analyses for hereditary sickle cell
trait and disease - hemoglobinopathy (Shandon Kohn
Electrophoretic apparatus provided by ABC and
Red Cross Foundation).

3) Thick blood smear for malaria, microfilaria and other
parasites.

4) Blood serology for syphilis and/or yaws - at later
date.

b. ~~Examine~~ examination for hookworm and other intestinal
parasites.

c. Sputum smears for TB and lung fluke (paragonimus westermani)

d. Tuberculin skin tests.

e. Urinalysis Lobatix (Ames) Test for H₂O₂, Ketones, Blood,
Albumin due to kidney disease, and Sugar due to diabetes
mellitus.

f. Rectal exam for gonorrhea.

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3. Rural Malnutrition Clinics (Feeding Wards or Sick Days):

a. Cooperate with existing mobile units, clinics, Hospitals, doctors, nursing sisters and agencies to provide additional medical care.

b. Survey existing teams to determine the area coverage, type of medical services provided, requirements to improve medical care (as per their requests).

1) Distribute essential low-cost, high protein-vitamin-mineral supplements when and where emergency supplies needed or not supplied by existing mobile teams.

2) Distribute essential medicines:

a) Iron - oral and parenteral for anemia.

b) Chloroquine for malaria.

c) Thiobenzamide (Bintexole) for amyloidosis (Hachema).

c. Treatment for minor medical problems will be provided. The more serious cases will be transported whenever possible to the Medical Center.

4. Health Personnel:

Paramedical workers could be deployed in the rural villages. These auxiliary medical personnel will be trained to provide medical attention to the rural population receiving minimal or no coverage. Every effort will be made to see that the standards set for the training programs conform to those set up by the Ministry of Health. However ABC anticipates and requests the cooperation of Biafran dynamic open minded leadership to adapt to new training programs and standards. The categories of staff required are:

1. Nursing aides, auxiliaries and nutritionists.
2. Dispensing medical assistants.
3. Laboratory technicians.
4. Dentists and dental technicians.
5. Communications technicians - Health broadcaster - radio, tape recorder amplification - duplication; and motion picture filming.
6. Social service workers (Nutrition and TB case finding and following especially).
7. X-ray technicians for mass chest mini-filming - TB detection.

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- C. Donation and Purchase of Medicines and Equipment including (transportation and storage). In cooperation with existing agencies, Direct Relief Foundation (DRF) and Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA), JICA, French Red Cross, ICRC and others.

It is vital that essential items be delivered in substantial and regular quantities to existing and new dispensing clinics and mobile units. Warehousing and inventory will be in cooperation with existing organization.

D. Mass Communication, Health Education and Health Information:

1. Continued cooperation with the Ministries of Health and Information officials in broadcasting essential Agriculture, Nutrition and Health data - village planting; farming and food production (including leaf protein); feeding habits; sanitation (latrine construction); hygiene; immunizations; TB prevention. (ACPO-Popular Cultural Action Program of Colombia, South America). (Ultimately educational television will be developed).
2. Educate the village people on how to regain and maintain health by means of tape recorded messages, demonstrations, audio-visual aids, and radio. (ABC now cooperates with Commissioner of Information, Dr. I. Eke, Harvard School of Economics graduate, and his staff.)

II. Mobile Medical Units

- A. Survey practices and coverage of existing units with determination of remote areas with little or no medical services.
- B. Provide preventive and curative medical services to as many people as possible daily, weekly and monthly. The existing Mobile Medical units (Jeeps) with trailers to be adapted for laboratory, X-ray, operating room, living quarters.
- C. Augment services of the existing immunization teams. (These teams immunized over two million patients for smallpox and nearly one million for measles in 6 months.)
 1. Medical care for the teams (eight existing teams each composed of eight Biafran paramedical workers).
 2. Laboratory testing of rural village populations prior to or combined with Mobile Medical Therapeutic Unit arrival at village.
 3. Medical services to the rural population in addition to immunization.
 - a. Anemia prevention and treatment:
 - 1) Iron - oral and intramuscular.
 - 2) Chloroquine - malaria.
 - 3) Thiabendazole - hookworm infestation.

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- b. Acute infectious diseases treatment - antibiotics
 - 1) Dysentery
 - 2) Bacterial pneumonias
 - 3) Meningitis or outbreak of epidemic diseases
- c. TB Control and treatment
 - 1) BCG immunization
 - 2) INH for contacts to open contagious TB
300 to 400 mg at least two or three times each week-
prophylaxis
 - 3) Pyridoxine to be added when indicated.
- d. Intestinal parasites treatment
 - 1) Hookworm (ancylostomiasis)
 - 2) Ascaris lumbricoides
 - 3) Amoeba Histolytica

III. Technical Consultation and Assistance:

A. Biafra has well educated and capable doctors, nurses, educators, agriculturists, administrators and leaders who are doing exceptionally well but require supplies, equipment and funds as well as moral support.

B. USA and all other concerned countries can provide highly specialized technical consultants to cooperate on short term basis in Biafra and follow-up abroad. This includes members of ABC Advisory Board which includes:

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| 1. Dr. George Axinn | 2. Dr. Roy Brown | 3. Dr. Mel Casberg |
| 4. Dr. Seymour Gray | 5. Dr. Aaron Ifekwuni | 6. Dr. Michael Lathan |
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| 7. Dr. Jean Mayer | 8. Dr. Fredrick Stare | 9. Dr. Davida Taylor |
| 10. Dr. Fabian Udekwu | | |

and all others who are interested in voluntarily contributing their time and services in scientific collaboration - Scientific Collaboration - University of Biafra Staff and Medical scientists from USA, Europe, Middle East (American University of Beirut) and others

1. Agriculture Self-development - Dr. Okigbo, Dean of Agriculture College and Head of Land Army, requested ABC and Carr Foundation assistance in development of Leaf Protein Supplement from the prevalent Siam weed (*Eupatorium odoratum*). The basic pirie equipment was ordered and shipped May First to Biafra. We arranged for the Siam weed leaf protein sample (provided by Dr. Adi) to be analyzed for amine acid composition and protein content (35%) at the American University of Beirut by Dr. Peter Fellett, Mr. James Cowan and Dr. Donald McLaren.

2. AMDOC:

a. Biafran doctors unanimously recommended AMDOC (American Doctor) participation in February, 1969.

b. Accommodations will be provided by Biafran doctors. The visiting doctors will be expected to provide their own travel expenses as well as current medical equipment, supplies and books. This text is to be requested to requested specialists such as plastic surgeons, neurosurgeons, orthopedic.

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3. Medical Library requested by Ministry of Health and Biafran doctors agreed to be located at the University of Biafra Teaching Hospital in Ensekuku. ABC to obtain current medical books and periodicals.
4. Population Control - Family Planning Clinics; Augment existing Intra-Uterine Device (IUD) installation clinics of Dr. Ogan as per request of Ministry of Health (5 July, 1969 Dr. R.E. Onwumere, Chairman, Emergency Medical Services.
Women who are malnourished and/or have one or more malnourished infants or children should be given opportunity to receive IUD and/or other birth control advice and assistance.
5. Dental care
 - a. Survey dental problems and existing manpower.
 - b. Volunteer dentists to be obtained where non available.
 - c. Fluoridation for prevention of dental caries when requested or desired.
 - d. Mobile dental unit with audio-visual communication for teaching and preventive work.
6. Medical, Agricultural, and other Films:
 - a. Documentary, teaching audio-visual films for mass communications.
 - b. Technicians, equipment, film direction and production.
7. Communications Cooperation.
 - a. Liaison between Biafra and ACPO radiophonic education program of Colombia, South America.
 - b. Radio, audio visual experts advisory service - later television.
8. Private enterprise cooperation:
 - a. Products (woven fabrics and baskets) from Biafra to be shipped on returning empty planes to USA and Europe.
 - b. Organizations who can advise:
 - 1) International Executive Service Corp (Frank Pace)
 - 2) National Industrial Conference Board consultation (H. Bruce Palmer)
 - 3) Technoserve and Self-Help Handicrafts - SEMV program (CWS - Dr. Reginald Halffterich)
9. Amputee program - cooperation with U.S. manufacturing company and Dr. M. Vitali (Queen Mary Hospital, Eschampten)
10. Clothes, cotton, cloth, thread collection and shipment
11. Sister City program - New York or Los Angeles and Overri or Orin.

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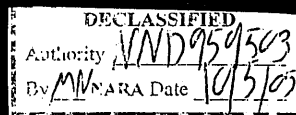
STATE FOR U/CF:

1. FOLLOWING IS JCA COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER MEETING ADJOURNED JULY 8:00 PM QUOTE: THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP OF JOINT CHURCH AID (JCA), WHOSE MEMBER AGENCIES HAVE SUPPLIED MORE THAN 60,000 TONS OF FOOD AND MEDICINES FOR VICTIMS OF THE WAR IN FEDERAL NIGERIAN TERRITORY, AND HAVE FLOWN OVER 28,000 TONS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES INTO BIAFRA, MET IN GENEVA TODAY. THEY NOTED THE DENIAL BY DR. NAVILLE, PRESIDENT OF THE ICRC, OF STATEMENTS MADE BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR MICHAEL STEWART, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON MONDAY IN WHICH HE CLAIMED THAT THERE WAS COMPLETE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ICRC AND LAGOS. JCA EMPHASIZED THAT ANY SUCCESSFUL FORMULA FOR DAYLIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES IN THE NIGERIA/BIAFRA CONFLICT.

IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE IMPENDING HORROR OF RENEWED MASS STARVATION IN BIAFRA JOINT CHURCH AID CALLED UPON ALL GOVERNMENTS OF CONSCIENCE AND GOODWILL TO SUPPORT A WORKABLE PLAN FOR DAYLIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS UNDER WHICH NIGERIA AND BIAFRA, TOGETHER WITH AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY GOVERNMENT WOULD A) EACH APPOINT INSPEC-

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TORS TO MONITOR RELIEF CARGOES AT PLACES AND UNDER CONDITIONS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES. B) APPOINT OBSERVERS TO ACCOMPANY ALL RELIEF FLIGHTS TO GUARANTEE THE INVOLABILITY OF NEUTRALIZED AIR CORRIDORS, AND TO INSURE AGAINST THEIR POSSIBLE ABUSE BY EITHER SIDE.

IN VIEW OF THE DESPERATE SITUATION AND DAILY INCREASING DEATH RATE IN BIAFRA, JOINT CHURCH AID CALLED FOR THE IMMEDIATE SAFE CONDUCT OF NIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS FOR A LIMITED PERIOD DURING WHICH URGENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS COULD BE CONCLUDED. UNQUOTE.

2. MAY HAVE COMMENTS AFTER MEETING WITH CHENARD AND KINNEY TODAY.

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Keep this study together.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegrams to the President from
Bishop Swanstrom

In response to Mr. Moose's request of June 25 and July 7 we are enclosing a copy of the Department's reply to Bishop Swanstrom of July 3. Bishop Swanstrom in his cable to the President urged the U.S. Government to take the "strongest possible action to obtain from both Nigerian and Biafran leaders the necessary safeguards to insure completion of relief flights at their former nightly levels..."

On July 3 Bishop Swanstrom sent an additional cable to the President. The Department believes no response is necessary.

Samuel Walker
John P. Walsh

Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Reply to Bishop Swanstrom from Ambassador Ferguson
2. Telegram to the President from Bishop Swanstrom dated June 19
3. Telegram to the President from Bishop Swanstrom dated July 3

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July 3, 1969

Dear Bishop Swanstrom:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of June 19 of which, you will recall, you kindly sent me a copy. In the meantime, I am sure you will have received my letter of June 27 in response.

We are now faced, as you know, with the grave problems arising from the Nigerian Government policy statement on relief. While I am not optimistic at this time, I am hopeful that we will soon find means to enable the relief to continue to flow to both sides of the conflict.

The Department of State has made public its position on relief in a Press Release dated July 2 (copy enclosed). We have already recommenced discussions with both sides on the basis of the four points made in this policy statement.

With personal regards,

Sincerely,

C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr.
Special Coordinator for
Nigerian Relief

Enc.

Most Reverend Edward Swanstrom
Executive Director
Catholic Relief Services
350 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10001

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To: State Secretariat

Date: 6/25/69

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- ☐ Draft reply for:
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- ☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☒ Direct reply.
- ☒ Furnish information copy.
- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- ☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

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Prompt action is essential.

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REMARKS:

For Clyde Ferguson's attention.

Description:

☐ Letter: ☒ Telegram: Other:

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From: Bishop Swanstrom, Catholic Relief Services; Bertram H. Gold, American Jewish
Date: Cmte, James MacCracken, Church World Service
Subject: 6/19
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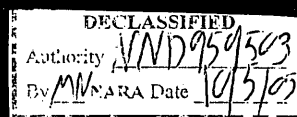
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Richard M. Moose

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JOINT CHURCH AID - USA MEMBERS ENHEARTENED BY NEWS
OF PLANS TO IMPLEMENT NEW ROUTE FOR INCREASING RELIEF
SUPPLIES BY RIVER AND LAND FOR SUFFERING WOMEN AND CHILDREN
IN BLOCKADED BIAFRA STOP HOWEVER WE MUST CALL YOUR ATTENTION
TO THE FACT THAT THREE MILLION INNOCENT CIVILIANS ARE
TOTALLY DEPENDENT UPON THE COMBINED MERCY AIRBRIDGE OF THE

CHURCHES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE
RED CROSS TO SUSTAIN THEIR LIVES STOP ONLY ONE RELIEF
PLANE HAS BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE ITS MERCY MISSION INTO
BIAFRA SINCE JUNE 15 BECAUSE OF THE NIGERIAN AIR FORCE
HARASSMENT STOP WITH NO STOCKPILES AVAILABLE, THERE IS
IMMINENT DANGER OF A RAPID ESCALATION IN THE DEATH OF
THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN BY STARVATION STOP CAPACITY
OF EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FLUVIAL ROUTE
FALLS SHORT OF ABSOLUTE MINIMUM TONNAGE NEEDED FOR
SURVIVAL STOP BURDEN OF BRINGING IN RELIEF SUPPLIES MUST
STILL BE CARRIED BY THE COMBINED MERCY AIR BRIDGE STOP

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THEREFORE WE URGE IN THE NAME OF
HUMANITY THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, ALL CONCERNED
NATIONS, THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THE ORGANIZATION OF
AFRICAN UNITY TAKE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE ACTION TO
OBTAIN FROM BOTH NIGERIAN AND BIAFRAN LEADERS THE NECESSARY
SAFEGUARDS TO INSURE COMPLETION OF RELIEF FLIGHTS AT THEIR
FORMER NIGHTLY LEVELS IMMEDIATELY

BERTRAM H GOLD, AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, JAMES
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Previous sent you for direct handling, copy of response requested.

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To: President
From: Joint Church AID USA Members
Date: 7/3
Subject: Biafra

By direction of the President:

Richard M. Moose

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

FOURTEEN DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE JOINT CHURCH AID USA MEMBERS

WIRED YOU WARNING THAT THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT LIVES ARE AT STAKE

IN BLOCKADED BIAFRA IF MERCY AIRBRIDGE FLYING FOOD AND MEDICINES

IS NOT RESUMED WITH PROPER SAFEGUARDS FOR COURAGEOUS PILOTS

AND CREWS STOP DEVELOPMENTS IN STRICKEN AREA THIS WEEK HAVE

ONLY WORSENERED THE SITUATION STOP HOWEVER WE NOTE WITH SATISFACTION

YESTERDAY'S ENCOURAGING REMARKS BY SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS

WHO REPORTED IN THE PRESS THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS

CONTEMPLATING NEW ACTION IN THIS MATTER STOP NONETHELESS WE STRONGLY

URGE THAT YOU MANDATE YOUR SPECIAL ADVISOR C CLYDE FERGUSON TO GIVE

TOP PRIORITY TO NEGOTIATIONS IN CONCERT WITH JOINT CHURCH AID

OFFICIALS TO SECURE AGREEMENT FROM NIGERIAN AND BIAFRAN LEADERS

FOR DAYLIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS STOP FURTHER DELAY CAN ONLY MEAN

MORE NEEDLESS DEATH FROM MASS STARVATION STOP

JOINT CHURCH AID USA BISHOP EDWARD E SWAN CATHOLIC RELIEF

SERVICES BERTRAM H GOLD AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE JAMES

NACCRAKEN CHURCH WORLD SERVICE.

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Tel to RMN fm Bishop Swanstrom, dtd 6/19/69

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF - POSSIBLE MISSION TO "BIAFRA"

REF: LONDON'S 5346 *Rel 27-9 Biafra - Nigeria*

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM UKHC THAT HICOMER DISCUSSED WITH GOWON YESTERDAY POSSIBILITY MISSION TO "BIAFRA" MENTIONED PARA TWO REFTEL. GOWON REPORTEDLY LISTENED CAREFULLY, SAID THIS DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED PROBLEM HE WOULD WANT CONSIDER WITH ADVISORS AND IN PARTICULAR WANTED HEAR FROM ARIKPO DIRECTLY.

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON BIAFRA

1. BRITISH HICOM FIRST SECRETARY TONKIN HAS ASKED EMBASSY FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ARTICLE APPEARING IN TODAY'S DOMINION (JULY 8) UNDER BANNER HEAD: "IN BIAFRA THEY DIE ONE A MINUTE; FAMINE HARVESTS ITS GREEDY CROP." ARTICLE BYLINED "SPENCER RICH REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON," REPORTS THAT DR. JEAN MAYER, IDENTIFIED AS HARVARD PROFESSOR, INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN NUTRITIONIST AND "PRESIDENT NIXON'S SPECIAL CONSULTANT ON HUNGER," SAID LAST WEEK THAT TWO MILLION BIAFRANS WILL DIE OF STARVATION WITHIN NEXT FORTNIGHT IF INTERNATIONAL RELIEF FOR THE HUNGRY IS CUT OFF. TONKIN ASKS IF THIS IS TO BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL US ESTIMATE. HE EXPLAINED THAT REASON FOR HIS QUESTION IS NEED TO HAVE INFORMATION IN HAND FOR TALK HE IS SCHEDULED TO GIVE HERE WITHIN WEEK'S TIME ON BRITISH POLICY IN NIGERIA.

2. EMB WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND MATERIAL THAT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN REPLY THIS QUERY.

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SUBJECT: COMMONS DISCUSSION OF NIGERIAN RELIEF OF JULY 7

REF: LONDON 5347-*Pol 27-9 Biafra - Nigeria*

1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON NIGERIAN RELIEF (REFTEL), FONSEC STEWART REPLIED TO QUESTIONS FROM HOUSE. PARTIAL TEXT AS REPORTED BY PRESS FOLLOWS:

2. CONSERVATIVE SPOKESMAN SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME: "IF THE RED CROSS ARE NOW WILLING TO OPERATE DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AGREEABLE TO THE NEUTRAL INSPECTORS SO THAT NO ARMS CAN GO WITH THE FLIGHTS CARRYING FOOD SUPPLIES, IT LOOKS AS IF IT IS MORE HOPEFUL THAT EMERGENCY RELIEF BY AIR, WHICH IS SO VITALLY NEEDED, CAN BE ORGANIZED. WE HOPE THESE EFFORTS ARE SUCCESSFUL."

MR. STEWART: "I ENTIRELY ACCEPT WHAT SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME HAS SAID."

LABOR MP WOODROW WYATT ASKED IF NIGERIA'S ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH FLIGHTS WERE NOT GENEROUS. HE CONTINUED "IS IT NOT TIME PEOPLE

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STOPPED SNIPING AT THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ONLY TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT ARMS DO NOT RUN IN WITH RELIEF SUPPLIES?"

MR. STEWART: "YES, I THINK WE MUST ACCEPT THAT. IN THE HISTORY OF WARFARE SO FAR, ANY NATION IN THE POSITION OF STARVING ITS ENEMIES OUT HAS DONE SO. THIS IS THE FIRST OCCASION AS FAR AS I KNOW, WHERE A GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS IN A POSITION TO DO SO HAS SAID: 'WE ARE WILLING NOT TO DO SO, PROVIDED THERE ARE CONDITIONS THAT ENSURE THAT OUR GENEROSITY IS NOT EXPLOITED FOR MILITARY ENDS.'"

"THIS IS ONE OF THE MASSIVE AND SOLID FACTS IN THE SITUATION."

LIBERAL LEADER MR. THORPE: "IN VIEW OF GENERAL OJUKWU'S HITHERTO HELD OBJECTIONS TO DAY FLIGHTS, IS IT SUGGESTED THAT THE RELIEF PLANES WILL OR WILL NOT HAVE FEDERAL PERSONNEL ON BOARD?"

"WHATEVER MAY BE THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE USE OF THE WORD, ANY SIDE NOW WHICH STANDS IN THE WAY OF RELIEF GETTING THROUGH- WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THREE MILLION PEOPLE STAND THE RISK OF STARVATION- WOULD BE COMMITTING GENOCIDE."

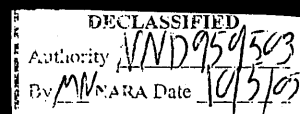
MR. STEWART: "I THINK THAT IS TRUE. AS TO FEDERAL PERSONNEL, SO FAR AS I KNOW THAT HAS NEVER BEEN SUGGESTED. THIS IS NOT REQUIRED BY THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT. THEY REQUIRE MERELY THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY IN THEIR TERRITORY TO SEE THAT RELIEF PLANES ARE NOT ABUSED, AND THEY ARE READY TO HAVE NEUTRAL OBSERVERS THERE TO SEE THEY DO NOT WASTE TIME OVER INSPECTIONS."

"I AGREE THAT ANYONE WHO IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES OPPOSED THE SENDING IN OF RELIEF BEARS A DREADFUL RESPONSIBILITY."

3. DAILY TELEGRAPH IN EDITORIAL CRITICAL OJUKWU COMMENTED: "THE ONUS IS NOW MORE SQUARELY THAN EVER ON THE BIAFRAN LEADER, WHO IS ALREADY SENDING 13-YEAR OLD BOYS INTO BATTLE. HE IS NO LONGER IN A POSITION TO SAY THAT HE WILL ONLY ALLOW THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED SO MUCH FOR A LOST CAUSE TO BE DELIVERED FROM SUFFERING AND STARVATION ON TERMS THAT SUIT THE NEEDS OF HIS MILITARY OPERATIONS AND HIS PROPAGANDA. IF HE REJECTS, HE WILL IN EFFECT BE DRIVING HELPLESS CHILDREN AT GUNPOINT TO

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SHIELD HIS TROOPS. A SORT OF AFRICAN HITLER IN A MUD HUT BUNKER SET ON A JUNGLE GOTTERDAMMERUNG. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF AT THIS LATE HOUR HE CAN BRING HIMSELF TO MATCH THE REASONABLENESS OF HIS FRATERNAL ENEMY, THE DAY-RELIEF PLANES COULD BE BLAZING THE TRAIL NOT ONLY TO SUPPLIES BY LAND CORRIDORS OR RIVER, BUT TO PEACE."

4. GUARDIAN EDITORIAL CRITICAL ALL WHO ARE "PLAYING THE LAGOS GAME," PARTICULARLY BRITAIN SAID. "IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A COMPROMISE OVER RELIEF WILL EMERGE...IT DEPENDS ON WHO WINS THE POLITICAL WAR OF NERVES. SINCE STARVATION IS THE PAWN, IT IS NOT AN EDIFYING BATTLE, BUT FOR BELLIGERENTS IN A WAR IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE. FOR BRITAIN, WHO IS NOT A BELLIGERENT, TO BE JOINING IN THE SAME FRAY IS DESCREDITABLE." ANNENBERG

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FROM : Amembassy STOCKHOLM

SUBJECT : Statement of Foreign Minister Concerning Nigerian
Federal Government's Decision about Relief Operations

REF :

Enclosed is a statement by Foreign Minister Torsten NILSSON, released by the Foreign Ministry on July 3, concerning the Nigerian Federal Government's decision of June 30 to put all relief operations under the control of the Federal Government.

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Statement by Foreign Minister Torsten Nilsson in
connection with the Nigerian Government's declaration
on 30 June concerning relief operations

The implication of the Nigerian Government's declaration is that all relief operations to Nigerian territory - including the breakaway province of Biafra - are to be controlled by the Nigerian Government. Flights across the territory of the country may be carried out only after permission has been given by the Government and on the conditions which the Government stipulate. The same applies to the way in which the relief organizations discharge their relief commissions.

In itself no objections can be raised against this move. A sovereign state has an indisputable right to take such steps. Reasons for raising objections can arise only if the regulations give the relief work an erroneous aim or in other ways renders it so difficult that these stipulations can be considered to be contrary to the principles of humanity. There is still some uncertainty about the practical implication of the new regulations. Not until practical experiences have been gained of the application of the regulations will it be possible to find out whether the stipulated control procedure will delay or in other ways render the supply of relief deliveries more difficult. It should be in the interest of the Nigerian authorities in a high degree to facilitate the work of the relief organizations. A spirit of co-operation must also be shown by the Biafra leaders. It is essential that negotiations will begin as soon as possible and lead to results. We have all of us responsibility for the relief corridors not being finally blocked. Rash actions and even expressions of opinion can have disastrous consequences.

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1. OK proceed with revised letter to Arikpo (para 2 reftel).
2. FYI. New follow-up letter to Arikpo is forthcoming. END FYI.

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

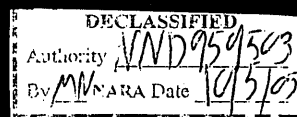
1. JUST SPOKE WITH BEER/LICROSS. BEER EXTREMELY CONCERNED OVER MISLEADING PUBLICITY GIVEN BY BRITISH PRESS TO ARIKPOIFREYMOND WEEKEND TALKS IN LONDON. HEADLINES REFLECTED UK DOMESTIC POLITICS RATHER THAN FACTS OF DISCUSSIONS WHICH-AS WE KNOW FROM LONDON 5324 AND NAVILLE/GENEVA 2357 - WERE NOT CONCLUSIVE. BEER BELIEVES BIAFRA REP DIKE'S NEGATIVE STATEMENTS (WE ONLY HAVE UP TICKER AND SIMILAR PRESS REPORTS) IN PARIS YESTERDAY WERE TRIGGERED BY IMPRESSION OF ICRC-UK COLLUSION.

2. ACCORDING BEER, NAVILLE NOW SHARES HIS CONCERN AND IS ISSUING STATEMENT TO PUT LONDON DISCUSSIONS INTO TRUE PERSPECTIVE.

3. BEER VERY UNHAPPY ABOUT NAVILLE INTENTION FLY LAGOS VIA LONDON GIVING NEW SUBSTANCE TO BIAFRAN CHARGES OF ALLEGED ICRC-UK PLOT. BEER SEEING NAVILLE THIS AM AND HOPES PERSUADE HIM CHANGE ROUTING. (NOTE NAVILLE DID NOT MENTION LONDON STOP-OVER IN YESTERDAY'S CON-

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4. BEER IS IN CLOSE CONTACT SCANDINAVIAN WING OF JCA CONSORTIUM (WHICH STILL MEETING THIS AM SEE GENEVA 2364). HE FEELS UNFORTUNATE APPEARANCE ICRC ORIENTATION TOWARDS UK WILL BE RED FLAG TO JCA'S PRO-BIAFRA HARDLINERS. BEER CONFIRMED OUR PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IMPRESSION THAT JCA OPPOSITION TO RED CROSS LARGELY IDENTIFIED WITH PROTESTANT MEMBERS. BEER UNDERSTANDS ICRC-JCA MEETING LAST NIGHT WAS INCONCLUSIVE AND DID NOT RPT NOT DEVELOP CLEAR CUT COMMON LINE. THUS, UNLESS FURTHER MEETING TODAY RESOLVES PROBLEM NAVILLE WILL NOT RPT NOT HAVE MANDATE SPEAK IN LAGOS FOR ALL BONA FIDE RELIEF FLIGHTS.

5. BEER EXERTING HIS FULL INFLUENCE IN ATTEMPT IRON OUT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ICRC-JCA. HE IS ALSO TRYING LOCATE STROH (EXECSECY SWEDISH RC) WHO HE FEELS SHOULD JOIN NAVILLE IN LAGOS.

6. BEER WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH US AFTER SEEING NAVILLE.

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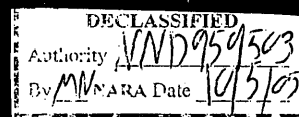
SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF: PUBLICITY AGAINST CROSS RIVER RELIEF
ROUTE

1. REUTERS TODAY FILING STORIES ON MASS PROTEST AGAINST USE
OF CROSS RIVER FOR RELIEF MATERIALS BY CITIZENS OF SOUTH-
EASTERN STATE IN WHICH ROUTE LIES. SE STATE OFFICE
LAGOS GAVE REUTERS TEXT OF "UNITED ACTION COMMITTEE" PROTEST
AND PUBLIC REPLY BY SOUTH-EASTERN STATE GOVERNOR ESUENE.

2. COMMITTEE RECALLED ESUENE STATEMENT AT LAGOS ON JUNE 19
THAT WITH REGARD TO CROSS RIVER PROJECT "NOTHING WILL BE DONE
THAT IS CAPABLE OF JEOPARDIZING THE SECURITY OF SOUTH-EASTERN
STATE". COMMITTEE CLAIMS UNNAMED FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE
PLOTTED TO ASSIST REBELS RETAKE CALABAR AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR
PORT HARCOURT. COMMITTEE FURTHER CLAIMS THIS IS "UNTOLD
STORY BEHIND FEVERISH DEMAND FOR USE OF CROSS RIVER AS CHANNEL
FOR TRANSPORTING RELIEF MATERIALS TO THE REBELS. IT IS ALSO
STORY BEHIND ARRIVAL TWO AMERICAN SHIPS IN LAGOS". COMMITTEE
REITERATES SUPPORT FOR RELIEF FLIGHTS BY DAY ONLY FROM LAGOS,
AND VEHEMENT OPPOSITION TO USE OF ANY PART OF SOUTH-EASTERN

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STATE FOR RELIEF SUPPLY ROUTE. PETITION IS SIGNED BY 11 PERSONS REPORTEDLY REPRESENTING CHIEFS AND ELDERS OF CALABAR, VARIOUS TRADE UNIONS AND WOMEN'S UNIONS.

2. IN REPLY, ESUENE SAID IN PRESS RELEASE THAT FMG "AGREED THAT SUCH AN OPERATION (AS CROSS RIVER) WOULD JEOPARDIZE SECURITY OF SOUTH-EASTERN STATE...I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT FMG STILL MAINTAINS THIS POSITION. I CANNOT REALLY SEE IT SHIFTING ROUND". SAYING THAT THESE ARE TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS, ESUENE IMploRED SOUTH-EASTERNERS TO "OPEN YOUR EYES ON THESE WHITE HUMANITARIAN HYPOCRITES. A WHILE AGO SOME EMBASSY IN LAGOS BEHAVED AS IF THEY SUDDENLY BECAME AWARE OF SOUTH-EASTERN STATE...THE NEXT THING WE KNEW THIS EMBASSY PLANNED TO IMPOSE ON US VISITS INCLUDING THEIR MILITARY ATTACHE...WE OBJECTED STRONGLY TO VISIT OF MILITARY ATTACHE AND CONFINED ITINERARY TO NON-MILITARY AREAS...SHORTLY AFTER THAT DONA MERCEDES DOCKED IN LAGOS WITHOUT WAITING FOR ANY NEGOTIATION". ESUENE SAID AMERICAN EXPERTS CAME INTO SOUTH-EASTERN FOR "INVESTIGATION" WITHOUT TAKING FMG OR STATE GOVERNMENT INTO CONFIDENCE. (THIS PRESUMABLY REFERS TO FLETCHER VISIT.) ESUENE SAID "IT REATS ME HOLLOW HOW THESE HUMANITARIAN EXPERTS COULD PRETEND NOT TO REALIZE WHAT SECURITY LOOP-HOLES THEY WERE PLANNING FOR THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY. I HOPE THESE RELIEF AGENTS HAVE GOT MY MESSAGE". ESUENE CONCLUDED BY SAYING PETITIONERS HAD MADE THEIR POINT CLEAR; THAT THEY HAVE "ASKED FMG TO CALL OFF THIS CROSS RIVER CORRIDOR AFFAIR. YOU HAVE REJECTED THE WHOLE IDEA WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS...NO LAND ROUTE THROUGH SOUTH-EASTERN STATE IS AT THE MOMENT FEASIBLE FOR SUCH A PROJECT, I WILL PASS ON YOUR MESSAGE".

3. COMMENT: AS FMG AND SOUTH-EASTERN STATE OFFICES CLOSED AT THIS TIME, IMPOSSIBLE QUERY ANY OFFICIALS. IN LIGHT PREVIOUS ESUENE-ENAHORO STATEMENTS AND CURRENT EMPHASIS ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS, SOMEWHAT PUZZLING WHY STATEMENTS ISSUED AT THIS TIME. IT MAY WELL BE THAT PETITION INSTIGATED BY S-E REHAB COMMISSIONER OGONI WHO REGARDED BY NIGERIANS AS "CROOKED" AND WHO RESENTS ICRC FOR DEGREE CONTROL THEY HAVE EXERCISED OVER RELIEF COMING TO SOUTH-EASTERN STATE. THERE UNDOUBTEDLY OPPOSITION ON PART INFORMED SECTORS S-E STATE POPULATION ARISING LARGELY FROM CONTINUED ANTI-

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RELIEF PROPAGANDA WHICH PLAYED ON ANTI-IBO FEELINGS IN STATE AND
IRRATIONAL FEAR THAT SECURITY MIGHT SOMEHOW BE JEOPARDIZED BY
RIVER RELIEF ROUTE. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT PETITIONERS' SUPPORT
DAY AIRLIFT IS CONFINED TO FLIGHTS FROM LAGOS.
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2. Assertion para. 3 reftel incorrect. From beginning, LCM's have been kept separate issue from other excess property. Prerequisites for shipment are still confirmation of requirement in Lagos and clarification of costs in Washington.

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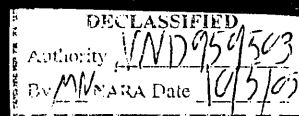
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FROM : Amembassy STOCKHOLM

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connection with the Nigerian Government's declaration
on 30 June concerning relief operations

The implication of the Nigerian Government's declaration is that all relief operations to Nigerian territory - including the breakaway province of Biafra - are to be controlled by the Nigerian Government. Flights across the territory of the country may be carried out only after permission has been given by the Government and on the conditions which the Government stipulate. The same applies to the way in which the relief organizations discharge their relief commissions.

In itself no objections can be raised against this move. A sovereign state has an indisputable right to take such steps. Reasons for raising objections can arise only if the regulations give the relief work an erroneous aim or in other ways renders it so difficult that these stipulations can be considered to be contrary to the principles of humanity. There is still some uncertainty about the practical implication of the new regulations. Not until practical experiences have been gained of the application of the regulations will it be possible to find out whether the stipulated control procedure will delay or in other ways render the supply of relief deliveries more difficult. It should be in the interest of the Nigerian authorities in a high degree to facilitate the work of the relief organizations. A spirit of co-operation must also be shown by the Biafra leaders. It is essential that negotiations will begin as soon as possible and lead to results. We have all of us responsibility for the relief corridors not being finally blocked. Rash actions and even expressions of opinion can have disastrous consequences.

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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: July 8, 1969

SUBJECT: Nigeria (Part III of IV)

PARTICIPANTS: His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I,
Emperor of Ethiopia
H.E. Ketema Yifru, Minister of Foreign Affairs
H.E. Minassie Haile, Ambassador to the United States
H.E. Mammo Tadesse, Minister of Finance

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The Emperor said the problem of Nigeria could be divided into two parts: (1) humanitarian considerations and actions; (2) substantive actions to settle the dispute.

All in Africa are aware of the large scale relief assistance the U.S. is providing to refugees of both sides. The Consultative Committee (Concom) of the Organization of African Unity recognizes the problems to the U.S. of trying to assure its relief help is available to the people on both sides. Thus far, the Concom, which the Emperor chairs, has not found a way to help the U.S. and others involved in the relief effort solve this problem. The Concom would continue to work on the problem in the hope of finding an answer. The U.S. should expect to be asked, however, to give even more relief aid.

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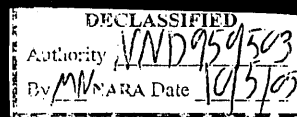
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FOLLOWING IS ROUGH TRANSLATION ICRC STATEMENT DATED JULY 8.
QUOTE: IN CONNECTION WITH INFO PUBLISHED RE WEEKEND CONVERSATIONS
THAT TOOK PLACE IN LONDON, ICRC WISHES STATE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS
WERE OF EXPLORATORY NATURE. PARTICIPANTS AGREED ON EXISTENCE OF
AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE RE ICRC'S PROGRESSIVE WITHDRAWAL FROM
NIGERIAN TERRITORY AND ON NECESSITY TO OPEN DAYLIGHT AIR BRIDGE
ASAP. MODALITIES OF WITHDRAWAL OF ICRC TEAMS WILL BE DEFINED IN
COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED IN LAGOS. START OF DAYLIGHT
FLIGHTS, FEASIBLE AS OF TODAY, MUST BE BASED ON OPERATIONAL PLAN
OFFERING SAFEGUARDS SATISFACTORY TO PARTIES TO CONFLICT AS WELL
AS TO ICRC. UNQUOTE.

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SUBJECT: CROSS RIVER WATER ROUTE

REF: STATE 108204: LAGOS 5992 (LAST PARAGRAPH)

1. ON ASSUMPTION ICRC DISCUSSIONS WITH FMG THIS WEEK WILL PRODUCE PROGRESS ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS AND GENERAL ICRC-FMG RELATIONS, IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE REOPEN CROSS RIVER WATER ROUTE ISSUE NEXT WEEK.

2. AS BABA GANA SAID ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT FROM FMG POINT OF VIEW WAS AGREEMENT WITH REBELS ON MODALITIES (LAGOS 6101) AND REBEL SPOKESMEN SEEM AT TIMES TO HAVE TAKEN SAME POSITION, DELIVERY TO ARIKPO OF REVISED FERGUSON LETTER (STATE REFTEL) EXCLUDING REFERENCES TO EMERGENCY OPERATION OF CROSS RIVER WATER ROUTE WOULD BE GOOD WAY TO RE-ENGAGE WITH FMG.

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SUBJECT: BIAFRAN RELIEF

REF: LIBREVILLE 679 NOTAL

1. DR. OMAR FAREED, REPRESENTING NORMAN COUSINS' "AID TO BIAFRAN CHILDREN" (ABC), ARRIVED LIBREVILLE FROM BIAFRA THIS MORNING AND INFORMED US (A) NORMAN COUSINS GOING TO LAGOS THEN BIAFRA THIS WEEK ON CONFIDENTIAL "PEACE MISSION", (B) BIAFRANS REQUESTING THAT C-97 OR SIMILAR LARGE CAPACITY AIRCRAFT BE BASED LIBREVILLE FOR RELIEF AIRLIFT BIAFRA, AND (C) ABC MOBILE MEDICAL TEAM PROGRAM WELL RECEIVED BIAFRA AND OPERATING EFFECTIVELY UNDER LEADERSHIP DR. FRANK CATCHPOOL. FAREED TRAVELLING WITH DR. GUIDO PIEDERMAN, ICRC SWISS ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON.

2. RE COUSINS' "PEACE MISSING", FAREED VAGUE AND SAID HE LEARNED OF IT FROM BIAFRAN COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FAREED EVIDENTLY UNDER IMPRESSION COUSINS' TRIP HAS SOME KIND US BACKING.

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3. FAREED REPORTED FOOD AND MEDICINE SITUATION BIAFRA NOW APPALLING AND FOR THIS REASON HE, CATCHPOOL, OTHER RELIEF ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES AND DOCTORS HAD WORKED OUT WITH BIAFRANS MESSAGE WHICH LATTER HAVE SENT COUSINS, SENATORS KENNEDY AND GOODELL "AND OTHER" PROPOSING ONE LARGE

CAPACITY AIRCRAFT BE SEND CONDUCT RELIEF AIRLIFT TIBREVILLE BIAFRA. FAREED HAS PARTICULARLY IN MIND ONE OF IDLE C-97'S AT COTONOU BUT SAID C-130 WOULD BE PREFERABLE.

SUPPLIES WOULD BE BROUGHT LIBREVILLE BY SEA. FAREED STATED THERE NOW 23 THOUSAND TONS RELIEF SUPPLIES COTONOU AND WITHIN BIAFRA WELL-PROVIDED AND EFFICIENTLY OPERATED CARITAS DISTRIBUTION NET CAN READILY HANDLE IT ALL.

4. THIS MORNING FAREED DISCUSSED PROPOSED STATIONING HERE OF LARGE CAPACITY AIRCRAFT WITH FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE COL MERLE, WHO FRENCH RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE. MERLE WELCOMED IDEA AND SAID AIRPORT COULD HANDLE ONE SUCH AIRCRAFT THOUGH, DEPENDING ON TYPE, SPECIAL FUEL MIGHT HAVE TO BE SHIPPED IN. FAREED PROCEEDING PARIS TOMORROW AND WILL TAKE MATTER UP WITH GENERAL NICOLAY (PHONETIC), FRENCH RED CROSS HEAD. MAY ALSO ASK AT EMBASSY PARIS TO SEE AMBASSADOR. DR. PIEDERMAN PROCEEDING GENEVA WHERE WILL DISCUSS WITH ICRC. FAREED, WHO SAID HE MIGHT ALSO GO GENEVA AFTER PARIS, WILL TAKE PROPOEAL UP WITH SENATORS KENNEDY AND GOODELL IN US.

5. FAREED VERY PLEASED WITH ABC MOBIL MEDICAL TEAM OPERATION BIAFRA UNDER ENERGETIC CATCHPOOL GUIDANCE AND WITH FULL AND CAREFULLY COORDINATED COLLABORATIONS CARITAS, ICRC, FRENCH RED CROSS AND BIAFRAN AUTHORITIES. CATCHPOOL HEADQUARTERS AT HOSIPTAL IN EMEKUKU. HE REQUESTED THAT RELIEF COORDINATOR DR. FERGUSON BE INFORMED ABC NOW HAS AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE IN CHARGE ON THE SPOT AND HE INDICATED THAT, HAVING MET THIS ELEGIBILITY REQUIREMENT, ABC WILL LIKELY SEEK USG ASSISTANCE. NELSON

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1. I believe that every possible tactic to relieve starvation in Nigeria must be explored and will appreciate your reaction to following suggestions.

A. An appeal by U Thant to both sides to permit distribution of relief supplies by all means available, including land corridor, aircraft flights and/or parachute drops, ^{providing} ~~xxxxxx~~ reasonable guarantees to both sides that the movement of relief supplies is completely divorced from political and military considerations. This appeal could recognize stated FMG willingness to agree to land corridor.

B. In lieu of A. an appeal by the special committee of the OAU meeting in Niamey on July 15.

C. In order initially to increase the volume of relief, obtain blanket permission for ICRC sponsored and controlled flights to make air drops of relief supplies in "Biafran" territory. Flights would be notified to FRG but would be given automatic clearance.

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2. Adam Gurle (protect source) indicated by phone today (July 8) from Cambridge that major problem was to cool the overheated imagination of the Biafrans. They are isolated and feeding on fantasies. At the same time they feel with some justification that promises from Lagos will not be followed by field commanders.

3. I request your advice on any moves that USG could possibly make to aid in relieving this situation.

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